

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2005. Claims 1-8 were pending at the time of the Final Office Action. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 and 8. Applicants have amended Claim 2. Claims 2-7 are the only remaining pending claims

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Delcoco et al. (United States Patent No. 5,127,067; hereinafter "Delcoco"). The Office Action objected to Claims 2-7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 and 8 and amended Claim 2. Claims 2-7 are now the only remaining claims pending. Applicants believe that they have placed this application in position for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims over the references cited, and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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